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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Y. KAMO et al.  
Serial No.: 10/617,681  
Filed: July 14, 2003  
For: DISK SYSTEM AND POWER-ON SEQUENCE FOR THE  
SAME  
Group: 2627  
Examiner: V. Pham

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 13, 2007

Sir:

Before further examination on the merits, the Applicants request reconsideration of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for allowance set forth on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability mailed December 7, 2006.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.